

## Message Text

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ACTION OES-06

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STATE - FOR OES/OFA; COMMERCE PASS NMFS/BLONDIN,  
NOAA/WALLACE

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EFIS, NEAFC  
SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENTS AT NEAFC MEETING

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1. EEC REPRESENTATIVE HARDY HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO  
STRONG CRITICISM FROM THE CHAIRMAN FOR NOT PROPERLY  
PREPARING FOR THIS MEETING. A WORKING GROUP FOR THE  
FUTURE OF NEAFC HAD MET AND DISTRIBUTED THEIR RECOMMEN-  
DATION IN JANUARY SO THAT EVERYONE HAD TWO MONTHS TO

FORMULATE THEIR POSITIONS. THIS REFLECTS THE EEC'S HEAVY WORK LOAD ON FISHERY MATTERS WHICH IS COMPOUNDED BY THE LIMITED NUMBER OF DECISION MAKING STAFF MEMBERS ASSIGNED TO THESE MATTERS.

2. AN INDICATIVE VOTE WAS TAKEN ON WHETHER TO AMEND THE EXISTING CONVENTION OR PREPARE A NEW CONVENTION. THE VOTE ON THIS WAS EVENLY SPLIT WHEN THE EEC VOTED FOR A NEW CONVENTION AND ALL OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES OPTED FOR THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURE. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THIS MATTER WILL BE RESOLVED IN THE EEC'S FAVOR AS THERE ARE NO STRONG FEELINGS AGAINST A NEW CONVENTION ALTHOUGH THAT PROCEDURE WILL REQUIRE INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL AND WILL THEREFORE REQUIRE MORE TIME.

3. A SUB-GROUP ON FINANCIAL MATTERS HAS PREPARED SEVERAL OPTIONS ON AN ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BUDGET. THIS IS BASED ON THE PROPORTION OF TOTAL CATCH OF EACH COUNTRY DURING THE 1974/75 PERIOD. NO ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN AS YET ON THE SUB-GROUP REPORT.

4. WHEN THE CHAIRMAN INDICATED HE WANTED TO DISCUSS ON AN ARTICLE BY ARTICLE BASIS THE JANUARY WORKING GROUPS REPORT THE EEC'S HARDY SAID THAT HE DID NOT THINK HE WOULD BE READY FOR SUCH A DISCUSSION UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 4, OR THE LAST SCHEDULED DAY OF THIS MEETING. AFTER A SHORT BREAK MR. HARDY RETURNED TO SAY THAT HE WOULD BURN THE MIDNIGHT OIL AND TRY TO HAVE THE EEC'S POSITION PREPARED FOR DISCUSSION ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON

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5. THE GENERAL FEELING AMONG DELEGATES IS THAT ANOTHER MEETING, POSSIBLY IN JULY, WILL BE REQUIRED TO RESOLVE THE ISSUES INTO A GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE FORM. SPIERS

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